

## CHAPTER 252.

AN ACT ENABLING THE CITIES, TOWNS, AND VILLAGES IN THE COUNTIES OF GOODHUE, RICE, LE SUEUR, WASECA, AND BLUE EARTH, TO AID IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RAILROAD FROM THE CITY OF RED WING IN SAID COUNTY OF GOODHUE OR FROM SOME POINT IN THE TOWN OF BURNSIDE FROM THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL RAILWAY IN SAID COUNTY OF GOODHUE TO MANKATO IN THE COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH BY WAY OF CANNON FALLS, FARIBAULT, AND WATERTOWN, BY DONATION OF BONDS OF SAID CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUCH BONDS BY TAXATION.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :*

SECTION 1. That it shall be lawful for any city, incorporated village or municipal township in either of the counties of Goodhue, Rice, Le Sueur, Waseca, or Blue Earth to aid in the construction of any projected railroad which shall start from the city of Red Wing in said county of Goodhue, or from some point in the town of Burnside, from the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway to Mankato in the county of Blue Earth, by way of Cannon Falls, Faribault and Waterville, in the manner hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. Whenever a petition shall be presented to the council or other municipal authorities of any incorporated city or village, or the supervisors in any township in such counties, signed by twenty-five (25) or more of the resident taxpayers of such city, village or town, asking that the question of aiding in the construction of such railroads as above provided, and stating the amount of special bonds of such towns, city or village, desired to be furnished as such aid, be submitted to the voters thereof, it shall be the duty of the council or other municipal authorities of such incorporated city or village, or the supervisors of such town, to immediately give notice of a special election, by publication in some newspaper published in the county, and also by posting copies thereof in five (5) public places in such town, village or city, at least twenty (20) days before said election, which notice shall specify the time and place of holding said election, the railroad proposed to be aided, the amount of bonds proposed to be issued; at which election the question of issuing to said railroad company the proposed amount of bonds of said town, city or village, shall be submitted to the legal voters of said town, city or village, to be determined by ballot, those in favor of the proposition having written or printed on their ballots the words "Railroad bonds, yes," and those opposing the measure having written or printed on their ballots the words

"Railroad bonds, no." The election shall be conducted and the ballots canvassed, as nearly as may be, in accordance with the mode of conducting town and city elections in ordinary cases, and if a majority of the votes polled at any such election shall be in favor of the issue of said bonds, the supervisors of the town, or the common council or other municipal authorities of the incorporated city or village, as the case may be, shall cause to be issued in the name of such town, city or village, and signed by the supervisors, mayor or other municipal authorities, as the case may be, attested by the signature of the town clerk, city recorder or village clerk, and the corporate seal, if there be one, running to said railroad company or bearer, the special bonds of said city, village or town, to the aggregate amount so voted, which shall be in such sums not less than one hundred dollars (\$100), nor exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), each having not exceeding twenty (20) years to run, and drawing interest not exceeding seven (7) per cent. per annum, the amount of each, rate of interest, and time and place and manner of payment, within the limitations and restrictions aforesaid, to be fixed by the respective supervisors and councils, or other municipal authorities issuing them or causing them to be issued; and such bonds may have interest coupons attached, and may be substantially in the following form, or similar thereto, viz.:

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State of Minnesota, \$1,000

Town or city of.....

Know all men by these presents: That the city or town of ....., in ..... county, State of Minnesota, is indebted to the .... railroad company of the State of Minnesota, or bearer, in the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), which they promise to pay to the bearer hereof on the 1st day of ....., (in the city of New York, with interest thereon from the 1st day of .....,) at the rate of .... per centum per annum, payable semi-annually at the ....., in the city of New York, on the 1st day of .... in each year, on the presentation and surrender of the annexed coupons as they severally become due. This bond is of a series and like tenor and date, issued by the town of ....., or city of ....., to the amount of ....., to aid in the construction of a railroad from .....

In witness whereof, the town of ....., or city of ....., has caused this bond to be sealed, signed and delivered in their corporate name, by order of the city council of said city, or supervisors of said town, pursuant to their resolutions in this respect, passed ....

The city of .... or town of ....., By ....., mayor or supervisors.....

Attest: ....., city recorder or town clerk.

SEC. 3. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed to authorize any city, town or village, to issue bonds under this act to an amount exceeding in the aggregate six per cent. of the appraised value of such city, village or town, as shall appear from the assess-

ment of the year preceding the year in which the petition referred to in section two (2) of this act is presented.

SEC. 4. Every town and incorporated village or city, issuing or delivering its bonds as aforesaid, shall provide by taxation and otherwise for the punctual payments thereof, principal and interest as they become due.

SEC. 5. The public use and benefit of the above named railroad is hereby declared.

SEC. 6. No person shall be permitted to vote at any election held under the provisions of this act who has not been an actual resident of the town, city or village where he offers to vote, for three (3) months next preceding such election, and he shall be a legal voter in such town, city or village.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 11, 1878.

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### CHAPTER 253.

#### AN ACT TO ADD CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE COUNTY SEAT OF ROCK COUNTY.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :*

SECTION 1. That the west half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the northwest quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of section eleven (11) in township one hundred and two (102), range forty-five (45), in Rock county heretofore only platted and laid out as an addition to the village plat of Luverne, in said county and State, be and the same is hereby declared to constitute a part and parcel of said original plat of Luverne, the same in all respects as if the same was originally platted as a part of said village plat of Luverne. And any and all county or other public buildings authorized to be erected on said village plat of Luverne as originally platted, may be erected on said addition, in the same manner as if it originally constituted and was platted with said original town, and was part and parcel of the same.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 13, 1878.